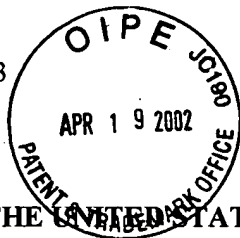


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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.56, and in recognition of his duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office relevant information known to be material to patentability, Applicant herewith submits a copy of the prior art listed on the attached Information Disclosure Statement (Form PTO-1449). The statement is not a representation that all of the information cited is necessarily effective as prior art against the application.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the disclosed reference be made of record in the subject application.

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